

Proceedings of the Symposium on Condensed Matter Physics, 2002 (CMDAYS-2002) held in the University Department of Physics, T. M. Bhagalpur University, Bhagalpur-812 007, Bihar, India during August 29-31, 2002



FOREWORD

Condensed Matter Days-2002, a national symposium in condensed matter physics was held in the University Department of Physics, T. M. Bhagalpur University, Bhagalpur-812 007, Bihar from 29th to 31st August, 2002. The convener of this meeting was Professor K. K. P. Srivastava, the Head of the same department. Most importantly this meeting of the **Condensed Matter Days** at the T. M. Bhagalpur University was the tenth edition of the same without any interruption in the intermediate years.

Along with the **University Grants Commission** (through T. M. Bhagalpur University), this meeting was also sponsored by the **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, New Delhi**, the **Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi**, the **Board of Research in Nuclear Sciences, Mumbai**, the **Institute of Physics, Bhubaneswar**, and the **Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, Kolkata**. Other local organisations also gave financial support.

There were ninety-eight participants in this meeting. There were thirteen invited talks, representing well trodden as well as newly emerging fields in condensed matter physics. There were twenty-four oral presentations and seventy-five poster presentations. Out of these, twenty papers have been selected by standard refereeing process for publication in the *Indian Journal of Physics A*.

As the guest editor with the full consent of the convener and the local organizing committee, I thank all the authors and referees for their cooperation, especially to bring out the publication of the proceedings of Condensed Matter Days-2002 within a reasonable period of time.

I thank the convener and others in the local organizing committee for giving me to honour to edit the proceedings of this meeting. Again, on behalf of the convener and myself, I thank all concerned people for their help in organizing the meeting. Lastly, I sincerely thank Professor S. P. Sengupta, editor IJP, and staff editors for giving me the full freedom in editing.

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